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HE who trusts to luck is mighty lucky if he don't make a miserable failure of life.

In shouting that Painter is elected and will stay elected, the St. Louis Republic is only breeding trouble for the Missouri democracy.

MISSOURI will not play such a small part in congressional matters hereafter. With six good representatives to speak for her, she will not be classed as a minority state.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch calls upon democracy to repudiate Bryan and predicts that if he is not thrown overboard the party will never win and might just as well go out of business now as to prolong the agony.

THE Christmas chimes are pealing, softly pealing; the joyous sounds are ringing, ever louder and clearer, nearer and nearer, like a sweet toned benediction falling on the ear. Glad ringers are pulling the ropes, and in one grand swell of melody Christmas with its old, yet ever new and marvelous mysteries, bursts triumphantly on the earth once more.

THE people of Missouri will know not later than January whether or not they are to have a continuation of two-cent passenger rates and lower freight rates. Judge Smith McPherson of the federal court in Kansas City said that he would give a decision covering all of the eighteen rate cases within two months. Some of the freight rate cases have been in litigation three years.

In these days of modern improvements the Snickard Herald induces the idea that young women attending church in the evening register their names in the church vestibule so that the young men who are in the habit of lingering around the church door can see whether or not their best girl is present and thus set a troubled brain at rest, without bothering the audience.

CHRISTMAS is really the world's festival—every tribe and people upon the earth's surface observe it in some form. The forms may vary but the spirit is everywhere the same. The different nations of the world celebrate the virtues and illustrious deeds of their great men and we on this side of the water do the same when we celebrate the birth of Washington in February, or the birth of the nation in July, but in December the world celebrates an event which far surpasses the birthday of Washington, or Wellington, or Napoleon, or Alexander the Great, or even the birth of a nation. It is the birth of the world's redeemer, who was given as an atonement for sin.

At this time of the year the faith of little children is strongly emphasized. Throughout the world of Christendom childhood is looking to that mysterious individual, Santa Claus, for the bestowal of his annual favor. Implicitly the little ones believe in his existence and in his beneficence and from every letter box in the country missives to him are trustingly dispatched. Not a few of them are most pathetic. Is not all faith typical of this childhood faith, and are not the rewards of it similar to these? Some how, it is a part of our nature and few there be who can live very good without it. Who would take away the faith that a child has in this mysterious personage, Santa Claus, myth though he be, and who would take from weak and frail humanity that larger sweeter trust in the eternal goodness.

CHANGES IN MISSOURI OFFICIALS

An Interesting Analysis of the Situation at Jefferson City After the Inauguration

An analysis of the results of the November election is very interesting and suggestive. The result as to the state executive offices is the same as in the election four years ago, except that the party situation is exactly reversed. Four years ago the democrats lost the four minor state executive offices but elected the governor. This year the republicans lost these offices but elected the governor.

In the state house the democrats will vacate the big offices on the west side of the main hall and the republicans will move in, while the republicans will vacate the offices on the east side and democrats will move in. This applies to all of the offices on the main floor of the state building except those occupied by the railroad and warehouse commissioners on the east side and the state superintendent of schools on the west side. There will be but one republican official on the east side of the hall, Commissioner Wightman, and but one democratic official on the west side, Superintendent Gass.

The offices of auditor, treasurer, secretary of state and attorney general will pass from republicans to democratic control early in January, but the office of governor, with all of the prestige, patronage and power which belong to it, will pass from democratic to republican control. The office of lieutenant governor will be retained by republicans if there is a fair disposition of the controversy concerning it.

The house of representatives will pass from democratic to republican control. The democrats lose control of legislation; lose the governor, and therefore lose control of the state institutions, the police, election and excise boards in the cities, and also lose control of bank examination, the new office of bank commissioner being under appointment of the governor, and taking from the secretary of state all authority over the incorporation, inspection and supervision of banks and trust companies and safe deposit and savings institutions. This office pays a better salary than any elective state office, (that of governor and supreme judge excepted), and is of more importance than any office gained by the democrats, unless it be state treasurer.

While the democrats retain control of the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners and have gained control of the state board of equalization, the republicans have representation on both and can put the democrats on record against every policy or act proposed by republicans and rejected, thus holding the democrats to accountability and under responsibility for everything done.

The members of the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners are elected for a term of six years, one members term expiring at every general biennial election. This board controls the railroads and the inspection of grain and its shipment. One republican member, Mr. Wightman, elected four years ago, has two years more to serve.

The state board of equalization is composed of the executive officers of the state—the governor, auditor, treasurer, secretary of state and attorney general. On this board the democrats have had but one member since 1904—the governor. For the next four years the republicans will have but one member—the governor.

During the last four years this board, under republican control, has made a fine record in equalizing

the assessment of railroad, telegraph, telephone and other public utility corporations and companies, and in this work the democratic governor had a good part.

It will be observed from this survey of the political changes wrought by the late election that the two great parties have practically exchanged places in the executive departments of the state government. And it will be observed that the republicans have gained largely by the exchange.

In the judicial department there has been no change, so neither party has lost or gained in that department. In the legislative department the republicans sustain no loss but gain control of the lower house, in which all appropriations originate and where all legislation may be, in a measure, controlled. They lost the house in 1906.

This has been a Bryan state, and it was the boast of the democrats this year that Bryan would have 40,000 majority and would carry the whole democratic state ticket to victory, whereas Taft carried the state, a republican governor was elected by an overwhelming majority, a lieutenant governor by a close vote, and the democratic nominees for other state offices were pressed so hard that county clerks in democratic strongholds could hardly figure out a victory for them, in time to notify the secretary of state. They had a narrow escape.

If the republicans "keep busy" they will sweep the state in 1912.

Stray Pointers

A lazy man seldom likes his job. An ugly temper spoils a pretty face.

Originality is the spice of advertising.

There's no argument equal to a happy smile.

Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes.

It costs more to revenge wrongs than to suffer them.

We never realize our blessings until they take wing.

Don't expect to find your field of labor full of shade trees.

The greatest favor you can do a boy is to make him work.

Today is a better friend than either yesterday or tomorrow.

One cannot always be a hero, but one may always be a man.

Do not stand and cry; press forward and remove the difficulty.

Many a man's dog can give him lessons in fidelity and integrity.

Remember few men have as many faults as their enemies accuse them of.

The man who is most hot-headed is sometimes the first one to get cold feet.

It's unsafe to trust an important matter to a man who has nothing else to do.

People don't think much of your opinion unless you happen to think as they do.

He who abandons the farm will find too late that fortune has abandoned him.

Necessity, the mother of invention, is sometimes the father of compulsion.

The man who does a little thing well is always ready to do a big thing better.

Don't get in a rut. Better break a wheel and get out than to keep in the same old track forever.

The good-natured man may get imposed on in this world, but he will get a square deal in heaven.

People who spend much time thinking of their troubles will always find plenty of food for such thought.

It takes two to make a quarrel—

TONIGHT Laclede Opera House December 19 "Captain Racket"

SYNOPSIS

Capt. Racket and his wife are visiting Mr. Timothy Tolmon, a young man who has married a woman much older than himself for her money. Captain Racket is a young lawyer who has been reared by an old bachelor uncle, Obadiah Dawson.

About two years before the play opens, Obadiah saw a picture of a beautiful young girl, Clarice Dalroy; he became fascinated with it and wrote to the girl's father proposing marriage. After he had sent the letter, he became frightened and sent his nephew to see the girl and make arrangements for the marriage. The nephew met the girl, fell in love with her and married her himself. Then he wrote his uncle that she was not at all like her picture, but was very ugly. Obadiah became disgusted with himself for being such a fool and went to Japan.

During this visit of Captain Racket at the Tolmons', Obadiah, very unexpectedly, comes to see his nephew. The Captain does all in his power to keep his uncle from seeing his wife. By doing this he gets himself into serious trouble, which is very humorously and entertainingly told in Acts II. and III. of the play.

CAST

Captain Racket	Victor Lomax
Mrs. Racket	Maude Matsell
Mr. Tim Tolmon	Wm. McGrew
Mrs. Tolmon	Callie Shohoney
Obadiah Dawson	Orville Sweem
Mr. Dalroy	Roy Welsh
Katy, the maid	Dora Goins
Hobson, the waiter	Fred Clinefelter

The play is given by the Sophomore class of the High School for the benefit of the library. Much time and effort have been devoted to the preparation of the play, and all who attend are assured an evening of delightful entertainment.

Admission 15-25-35 cents

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Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

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